



John Chamberlin

- 1942: Born in California near Camp Roberts- father serving in US Army
- 1946- 1954 After war, moved to Stockton, Ca and attended grade school
- 1946- 1960 Moved to Vallejo in 1954 and finished high school; active in Boy Scouts of America- earned Eagle Scout rank
- 1960 Started work at Mare Island as Apprentice Machinist (Inside)
- 1963- Married and moved to Napa- continued apprenticeship at MINS
- 1964- 1971 Worked as Journeyman Machinist
- 1971- 1987 Supervised work in Machine Shop at Mare Island; retired as General Foreman; raised two daughters; returned to entry level (bracket) drag racing as hobby
- 1987- 2005 Started self employment with own machine shop; converted to race car and street rod construction; advanced to Sportsman level drag racing (set a total of fourteen National records in Gas Dragster categories); built award winning street rods (Sweepstakes Awards in category at Oakland Roadster Show, Seattle, Portland, and Sacramento Autorama's).
- 2005- 2007 Forced to retire from active racing due to health problems; continued building cars
- 2007 to present Building cars part time; became race car team owner; became active in Mare Island Historic Park Foundation (joined Board of Directors- Secretary for one and a half years)- formed group to construct a machine shop display in the Museum- erected several other displays and led construction projects; founded MIHPF Museum Advisory Committee (elected chairman); decided our 658 sail, which had been in our possession for fifteen years, should be established as a memorial and formed a sub-committee (our current Sail Group) to work towards that end.
- Today: Still happily married to the same woman (47 years); one married daughter still living- no grandkids; hoping to completely retire and just enjoy the Museum work and a little fishing and racing (no driving unfortunately).